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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OREP, IS, MZ, WZ
SUBJECT: CASE OF MIRON MARCUS

REF: MBABANE 1339 (NOTAL)

1. WE HAVE BEEN IN CONACT WITH THE OFFICE OF KNESSET MEMBER FLATTO-SHARON WHO HAS BEEN INITIATOR AND DRIVING FORCE IN ISRAEL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL PRISONER SWAP INVOLVING MARCUS. HIS STAFF IS NERVOUS ABOUT THE SCHEDULED APRIL 23 RELEASE OF MARCUS FOR FEAR THAT SOMETHING MAY YET GO WRONG. THEY WANT THEREFORE TO HOLD PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF THE EVENT TO AS TIGHT A CIRCLE AS POSSIBLE. PURPORTING TO BE ACTING ON THE ADVICE OF ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO SOUTH AFRICA UNNA

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(WHO, WE UNDERSTAND, IS COMPLETELY AU COURANT ON THE SWAP), FLATTO-SHARON HAS ASKED US NOT TO DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH ISRAEL'S EMBASSY IN MBABANE.

2. WHILE FLATTO -SHARON AND HIS STAFF MAY BE UN- JUSTIFIABLY HYPERSENSITIVE ABOUT THE OPERATION, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOU HONOR THEIR REQUEST AND

THAT YOU AVOID BRINGING SUBJECT OF MARCUS' EXPECTED
RELEASE TO THE ATTENTION OF YOUR ISRAELI
COLLEAGUES IN MBABANE, PRIOR TO THE EVEN. LEWIS
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